

PHILIPPINE Sunday INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Bro. Mike's list: 7-7-4

El Shaddai leader to endorse 18 bets to give flock wider choice

By Julie Lobug Jordites

EL SHADDAI LEADER Bro. Mariano "Mike" Velarde has a preliminary list of candidates configured 7-7-4.

BRO. MIKE'S/A12



Enjoy, be Pinoy; bahala na si Batman

By Nikki Cordero-Fernando
Contributor

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WHAT'S INSIDE

Women achievers get together to search for more achievers for this year's 10 Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service



LIFESTYLE/ D2



Party girl, style diva and breast cancer survivor is described in 3 words: Fearless, fearless, fearless.

Room at the top: At 70, Oscar Lopez, chair, Lopez group of companies, makes it to the top of Mt. Pulag, RP's 2nd highest peak.

LIFESTYLE/ F2

Hope sparks in starkest UN report on climate

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM—IT'S THE most detailed and starkest United Nations assessment yet of the impact of global warming.

SPARKS/A12

12 signs why Filipinos are God's Chosen ones

By TJ Burgonio

12 SIGNS/A18

Stunned by God's fierce, passionate love

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

STUNNED/A18

Mindanao tribe now see the light of night

By Alex Y. Vergara
Lifestyle



MINDANAO/A12



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WEATHER FORECAST

Kalinga gubernatorial bet killed

BAGUIO CITY—KALINGA VICE GOV. ROMMEL DIASEN, WHO was running for governor in the May 14 elections, was shot dead while delivering a speech at the barangay hall of Maguao in the capital town of Tabuk on Saturday afternoon.



HOLY WEEK IN BORACAY

Christian devotees carry the image of the dead Christ in a procession along the beach of the world-famous Boracay, an island resort in Malay town in Aklan.

Palace: SWS poll surveys misleading, slanted

TU bid shifts to high gear

ELEKSYON 2007

DepEd 'misinterpretation' chided

'I'm not shadow of my husband'

No to AFP 'protector' role

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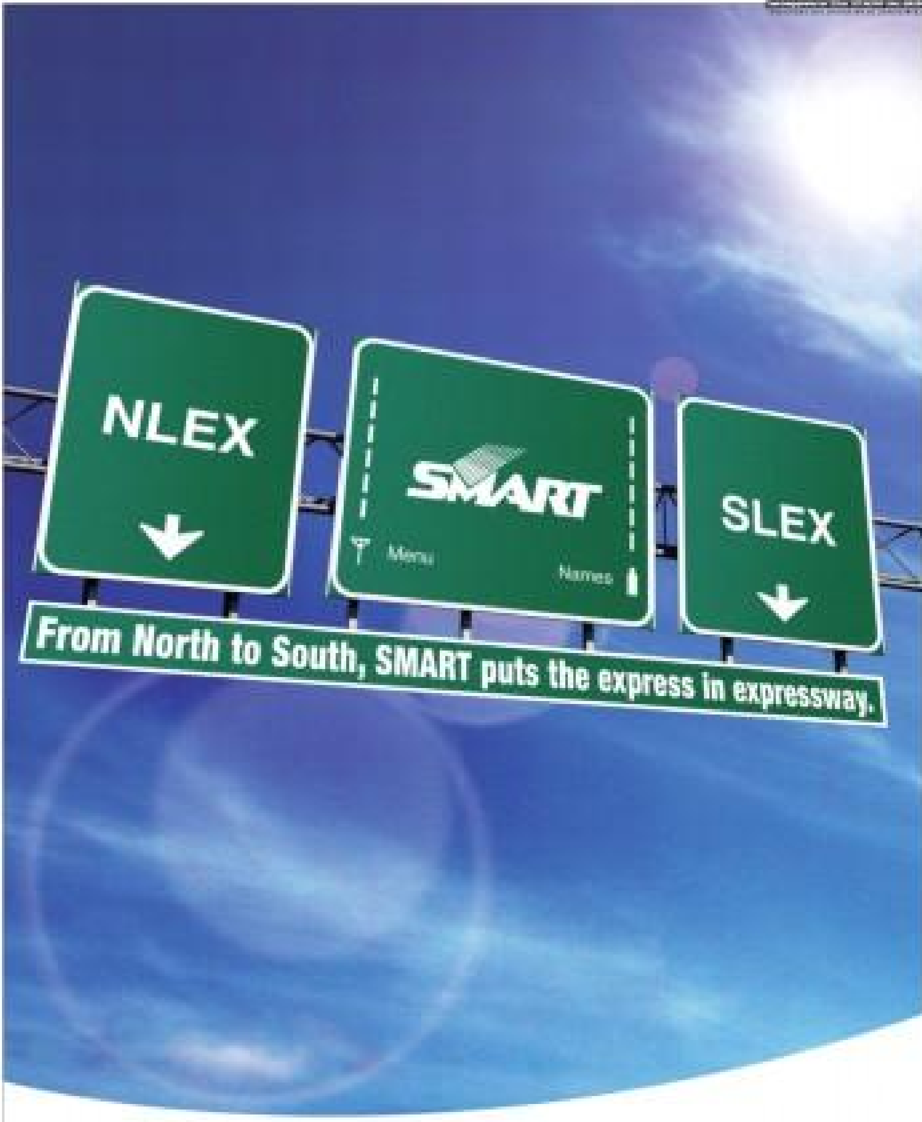
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Party-List System Act

The Daily Gospel

Bishop tells clergy: Don't campaign for bets





Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Manila

RESOLUTION NO. 7853

3,000 slum families lose homes in fire

Top NPA leader in Leyte arrested by troops in raid

Families find sanctuary after 'ordeal' with military

By Nikko Catherine Cabuja

Same ordeal

'They will kill us'

Farm issue

Troops kill 3 suspected bandits in Tawi-Tawi

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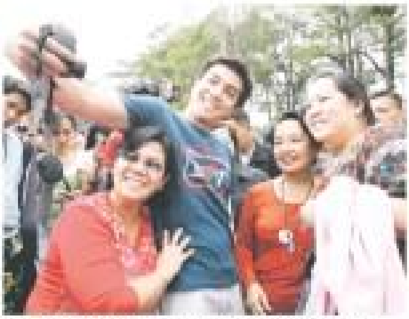
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Sparks of hope cap stark UN report on climate

Dangers played down

Main message

Guide to policy



WORKING THE CROWD:

Bro. Mike's list: 7-7-4



VELARDE:

NUTS about them

The anointed

'Must-carry'





Mindanao tribe now…

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Livelihood, education

Lawlessness, insurgency

Power to the people



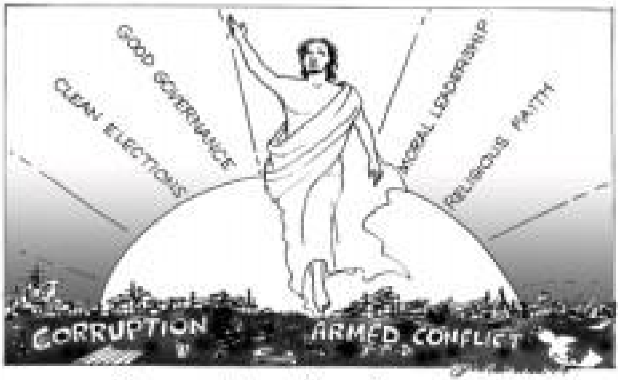
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Sabado de Gloria

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Resurrection of our democracy

SEPARATE OPINION



Eugenio A. Cruz

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Truth Power

MOMENTS



Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

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Two standards of judicial review

WITH DUE RESPECT
Artemio V. Panganiban



Born again

AT LARGE
Rina Jimenez-David



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Editor: [illegible]

(Unholy) reflections on politicians

TODAY, EASTER SUNDAY, WE ARE FEATURING THE REFLECTIONS OF FR. GUIDO Arguelles SJ, who for several decades was at the forefront of the campaign against corruption in government.

Ordained in 1965, he served as executive director of [illegible], an [illegible] foundation.

Arguelles was assigned to the San Jose Seminary, had his own radio program on [illegible], and served in the 1980s as assistant chaplain at the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

He ran a "Food for the Poor" program, which sought to lower the cost of food for the urban poor.

He likes to write and has published a number of books.

Now in his 70s, Arguelles is in semi-retirement at the Jesuit Residence in Loyola Heights, Quezon City.

Celebrities

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Split personality

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Drunk

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Nowhere to run

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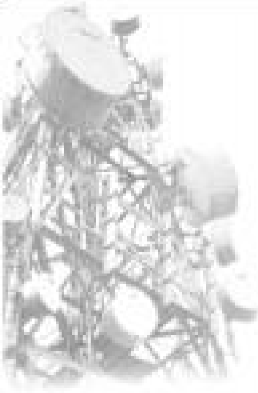
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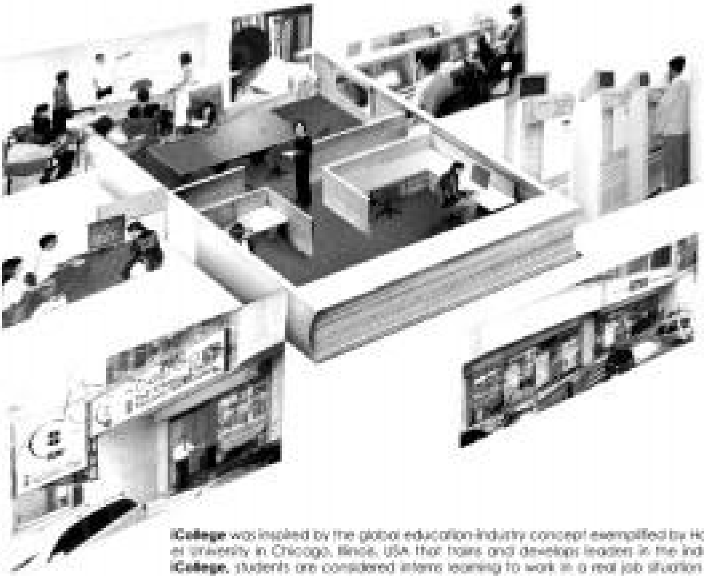
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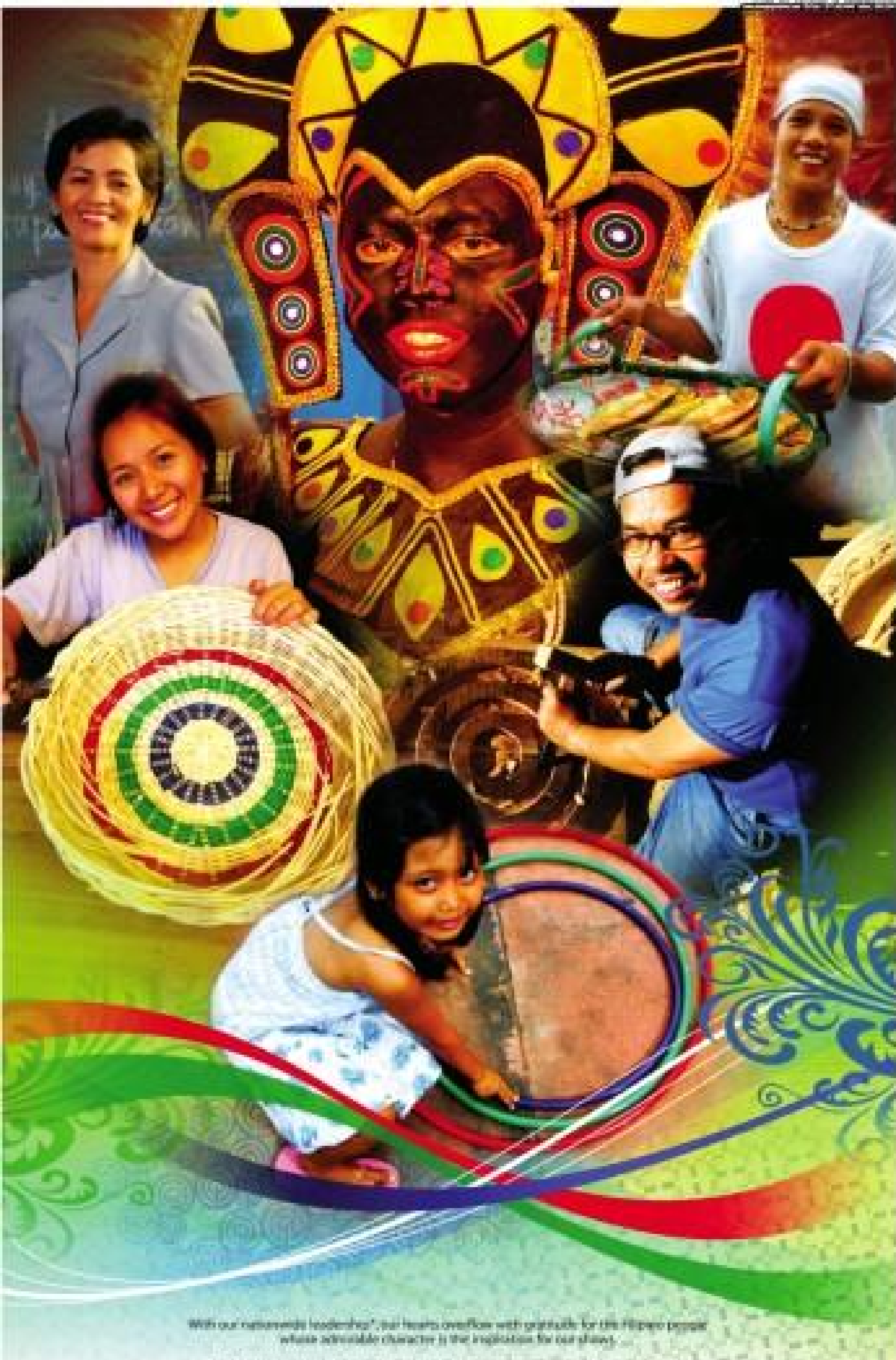
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Across the NATION

Suspect in Comelec exec's slay a cop



ANNUAL SPECTACLE

By Tina G. Santos

THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION has arrested the alleged bodyguard of retired police officer Eduardo Matillano who was said to be the triggerman in the killing of an elections officer in Puerto Princesa last Tuesday.

Murder weapon

Denial

'Manok,' 'Pagong,' are Pangasinan bets

ELEKSYON 2007

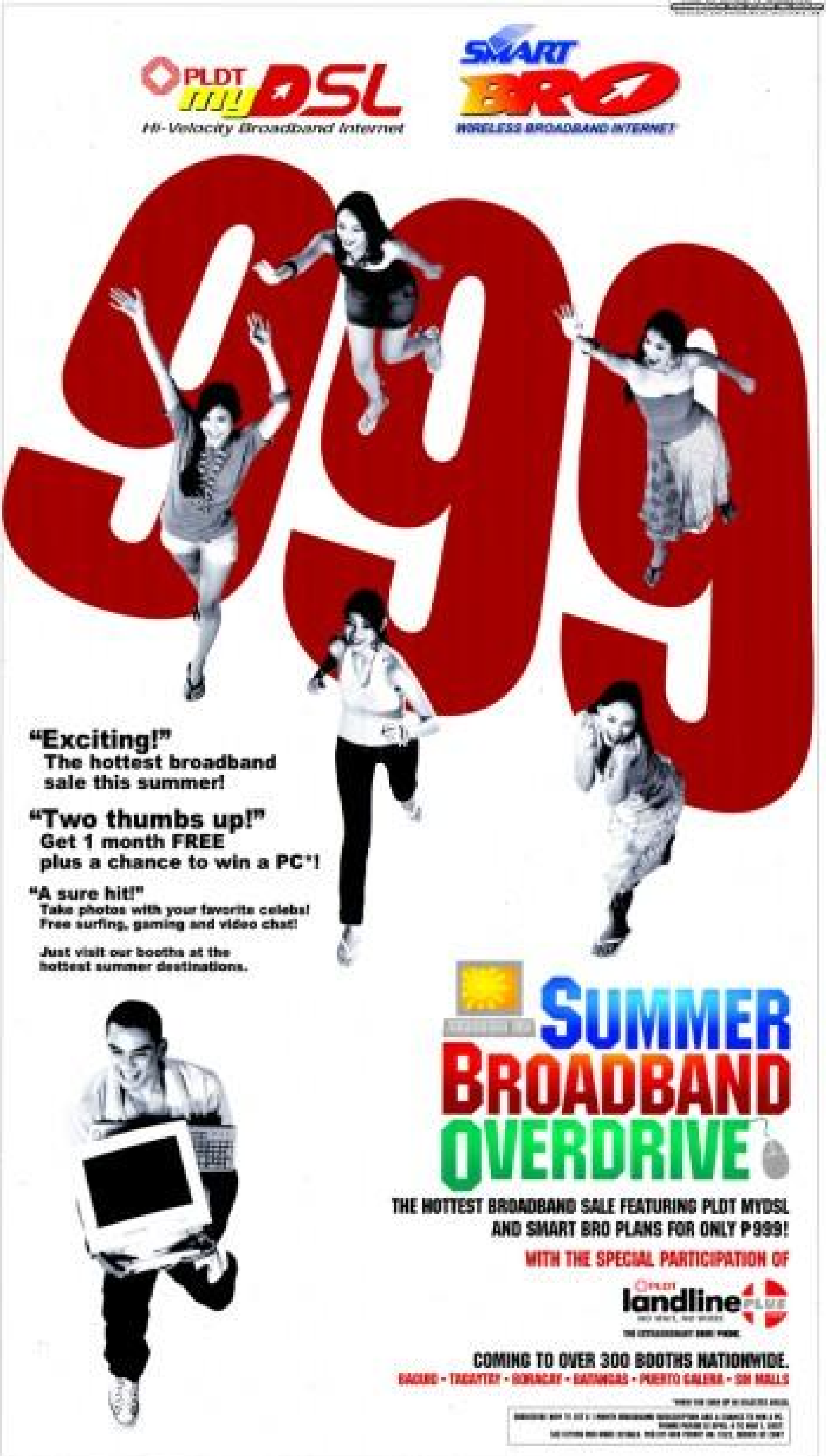
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INQUIRER Mindanao

A star-studded video for Kabataan

By Jeffrey M. Tupas




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TOP DESTINATION

Soldiers find remains of 15 'purge victims'

Vice mayor, dads evicted from Bacolod land

Boxer's body arrives in Koronadal from Thailand



Masbate polls turn bloody this early; 2 dead in ambush

Radio station says broadcaster to blame for conviction


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A PERSONAL 'JIHAD' AGAINST POVERTY

Ex-MILF child courier builds homes for Christians



By Julie M. Aurelio

It's all worth it

No apprehensions

One house a week



How OFWs survive abroad

GLOBAL Pinoy
Editor Gerry Lirio

Fil-Ams join hands in faith to save dying Pinay teacher



SHE LEFT MANILA last year to pursue her dreams of becoming a teacher in the United States. In the pursuit of a better life, she almost lost her own.



WITH A LITTLE HELP from a friend, Carissa tries to walk after a series of surgeries.

CARISSA UY, in a coma for almost two months, is now back in Manila.

Severe brain injury

Friend in need

A miracle



Thanksgiving concert

First 3 Aeta OFWs fly to Saudi Arabia

Chieftain's kin

Breakthrough

Offering for deity



THE PIONEERS: Joseph and Roland King and Roger David pose their best foot forward for their trip to Saudi Arabia.

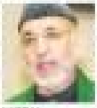
Truck bomb explodes chlorine in Iraq, kills 27

Immigrant groups rally vs Bush plan

WorldBriefs

YouTube banned in Thailand

Karzai says he met with Taliban



KARZAI

US finds way to return N. Korea funds

The WORLD



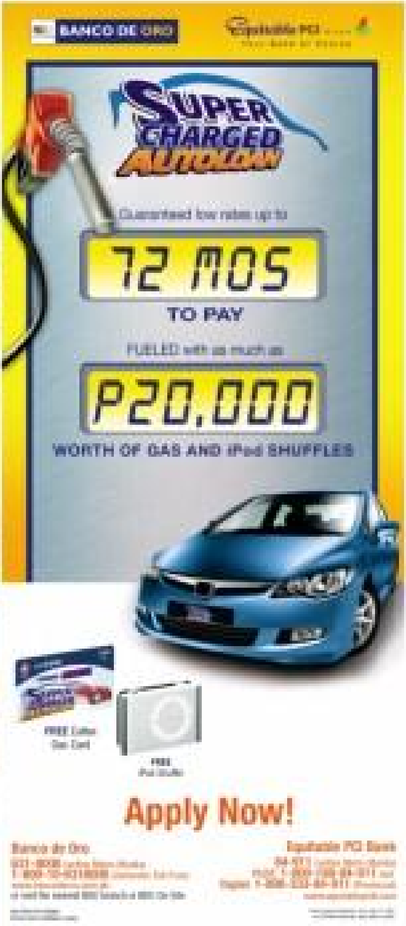
British sailors home, hit Iran 'scare tactics'

ROYAL MARINES BASE CHIVENOR, ENGLAND—THE 15 BRITISH naval personnel held by Iran told Friday how they were stripped, blindfolded and handcuffed as part of "psychological" intimidation during their detention.

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AFP





Sunday SPORTS

■ Anthony helps Nuggets shock Mavs
/A22





DAVIS CUP

RP netters sweep Kiwis, gain finals



Pacman on Solis: He's not that tall after all

Manny nearing excellent form

By Roy Luarca

Top servings

■ Pacquiao to watch Spurs take on Blazers

■ Roach will be in Pinoy ring sensation's corner on fight night



RP-SMB crushes Cal State

Ginebra battles Red Bull; Hall-of-Famers inducted today

Cyna, Dottie bag crowns in Thailand



RODRIGUEZ

Casimiro bags ROK seniors karting plum



CASIMIRO negotiates a bend.

Chan-Loa up; 3 aces cap Sta. Elena golf tilt

Heritage derby set

Baligaa hosts special fights

Everyone upbeat on Jakarta bid

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

WOMEN'S WORLD POOL

Amit trips Fisher, gains last 8

RP-Harbour wary of Seaba opponents

By Joanne W. Pays

Learn to Swim classes start

AUGUSTA MASTERS

Wetterich, Clark grab lead after tough day



WETTERICH: The leader

Anthony helps Nuggets shock Mavs



NUGGETS Carmelo Anthony (left) is defended by Mavericks Austin Croshere as he goes for a layaway in the third quarter.

Solis: Favorite does not always win

Pacquiao to watch Spurs game

Trainer Roach confirms he'll be with Manny

Sunday Biz





Strawberries' taste of success this summer



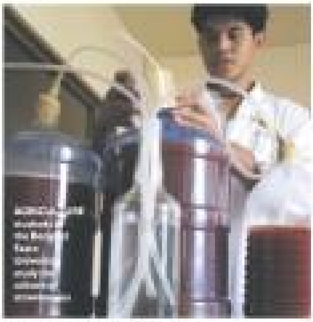


Holy Week brings droves of pickers

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—Strawberries are getting sweeter in this strawberry capital.







Strawberries...

Flying through the storm

A LEADER'S WAY



John C. Maxwell

Assume responsibility

Respond proactively

Reassure customers

Summary

Digital SFX revs up local movie business

Scuba brand tests waters...

Health makes good business





DR. CARL Hastings

Get peak performance...

Filipino brands making it in sportswear

Get peak performance in locally made jerseys



TRIATHLETE Miguel Lopez

Scuba brand tests waters, makes waves





Sunday LifeStyle

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- Ain't no mountain high enough for Oscar Lopez /F2



Everything is one

'When we act fearlessly, we're focused, we are whole, we are one with the universe'

THE "ONE-NESS OF EVERYthing" has been a catchphrase in many articles, books and lectures favored by spiritual seekers. Since I am not a bright kid, I try to understand everything from scratch until I can explain it to my cat (or to you).

Unbidden, awesome



The country's floral architect took advantage of the launch of his book to acknowledge people who helped him





Cuna pays homage to his 'floral inspirations'



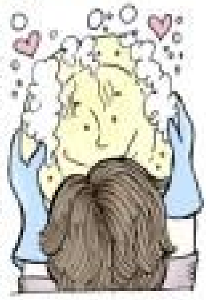








Everything is one



Hard to comprehend

Connectedness



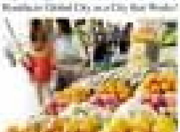
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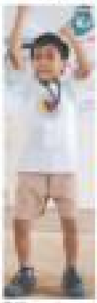
TAYTAY mayor Joric Gacula and Cabalen executives Ian Tongson, Adrian Tongson, Diane de la Fuente-Tongson and Maria Consuelo Reyes with children and teachers from Taytay daycare centers

Taytay children get gifts from restaurant chain

IT WAS another day of fun and sharing with the less fortunate children when Cabalen held its gift-giving for the 15th year.

The children, who were from four day-care centers in Taytay, Rizal, came with their school teachers.

TAYTAY D4



THIS young boy seems to feel victorious after getting his loot bag.



A YOUNG recipient shows off her pink bag.





TESSIE Ang See, Evelyn Singson, Espie Cabral, Mona Valisno, Lilia de Lima

When achievers get together

WHO WOULD IMAGINE that women from such diverse fields would have so much in common? More so if these women have all been adjudged achievers in various fields ranging from medicine to science, business, the arts, media, sports, education and others.

Former TOWNS awardees organizing the ongoing 2007 Search for the Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service gathered recently in the scenic, breezy and relaxing home of Chedie Lazaro at [illegible], Los Baños, Laguna. Chedie's home reminds you of Bali, with houses on stilts and with sliding walls that open all the way to let the breeze in.

The TOWNS ladies engaged in serious discussions of national issues, such as taking a stand on the antiterror bill and its impact on personal freedoms, [illegible] poverty and its devastating effects on women, children and the family.

The talk was interspersed with breaks for massages, [illegible], foot spa, and manicure, all compliments of the gracious hostess, Chedie, who is one TOWNS lady who works very hard and [illegible] to her quiet little farm to de-stress.

No meeting would be complete without the sumptuous, delicious Filipino cuisine cooked the old-fashioned way: [illegible] prepared the way our lolas used to do these dishes two generations earlier.

The TOWNS awardees have established a name based on strong [illegible] that it can be depended upon to stand behind advocacies it strongly believes in. While they have different personas and careers, these women united behind a fellow awardee who defended and won the Subic rape case involving "Nicole," and are now backing another fellow awardee who recently made the headlines in a child custody case brought against her by her estranged husband belonging to a very powerful political family.

Those who wish to join the Search for the 2007 TOWNS Awards are invited to download nomination forms at www.towns.org.ph and be part of this active and dynamic network of lady achievers.



GRACE Nono, Cora Claudio, Mina Aquino, [illegible] Ong



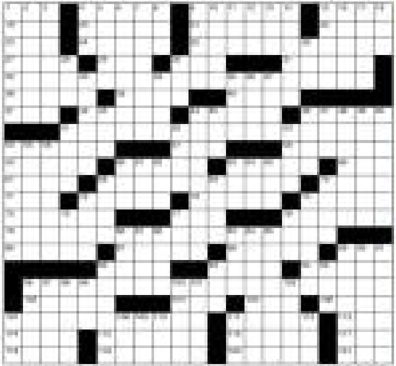
BETH [illegible], Mel Tiangco, Linda [illegible], [illegible], Lazaro, [illegible]



DE LIMA, Cabral, Paulynn Sicam, Chedie Lazaro

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo — EASTER HUNT













CHILDREN [illegible]

Taytay . . .



[illegible]

Sunday Lifestyle

Hong Kong Easter getaway



GUESTS can celebrate the spirit of Easter with these fun Easter drama photo accessories.

WITH A HOST OF EASTER-inspired kids' activities; specially created menus at some of the resort's most popular restaurants; and new extra-cute Easter merchandise, Hong Kong Disneyland has something for everyone this Easter.

Perfect for small or large families and groups of friends, a mini-break at the resort is priced from only HK$1,[illegible] per room per night at Disney's Hollywood Hotel. Guests can also take advantage of the special hotel "Stay and Play for 2 Days" offer which allows admission to Hong Kong Disneyland Park over two days for the price of one.

Until April 9 (12 p.m.-5 p.m.), a special "Easter Kid Zone" will be located in Fantasyland where kids can make their very own bunny ears.

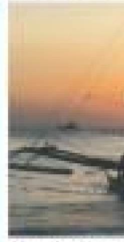
Kids can also take part in an "Easter Photo Hunt" and test their investigative skills as they follow photo clues leading them to famous landmarks and attractions around the Park.

HONG KONG DISNEYLAND

Sand, surf and wellness on Boracay



MOODY BLUES. Puka beach, on the other side of the island, continues to be the island's big attraction.



CATCHING THE SUNBEAM

The Pink Patio has reinvented itself as a holistic wellness and fitness haven

Text and photos by Anna B. Jambora

YOUR HEALTH NEED NOT take a backseat when on vacation in the sultry tropical playground of Boracay.



THE HUB. The "Chillout" Lounge



LOVE ON SAND. Sand castles define the island's culture.



HANGING BY A THREAD



ENCAPSULATED. The complete spa experience of the Alpha Capsule

Fitness den



ROAD MAP. Find your way around the wellness complex of the resort.



LIFT IT UP. The Maestro (Swimming pool) the perfect alternative to the beach



LIGHT MY WAY. Red lanterns on the beach ready for the night's revelry



SUITE FOR MY SWEET. The only room with a bath

Hong Kong Easter . . .

Travel Briefs

Exclusive perks

Japanese package

Welcome to the club

Priceless comforts in Baguio

Letran-Calamba opens mini hotel

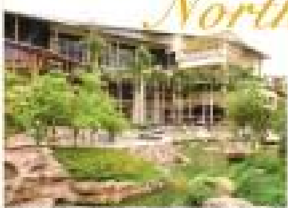
Airline's new routes



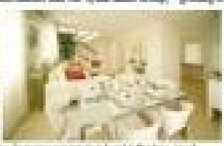




North Star Rising









HAND-MADE clothes imported by La Copa will be sold at a special Globe Platinum Sample Sale 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on April 11-13, at the Rockwell Tent.



STYLISH PALS: (from left) Globe Telecom head for postpaid loyalty and usage Butch Reyes, La Copa's Director Tess, Regina Sandoval and Platinum Go, Globe Telecom's head for events and sponsorships MJ Mendoza, Globe Telecom segment business manager Cynthia Mangahas, Globe Platinum head Coco Domingo and La Copa's Isabel Rivera.

Sneak peek into new style hub

THE PREMIER LIFESTYLE BRAND OF telecommunications giant Globe teamed up recently with a new boutique of style for a fashion presentation at the Rockwell Club.

The show gave a sneak peek of some of La Copa's collections to be featured at the Globe Platinum Sample Sale 10 a.m.-8 p.m., April 11-13, at the Rockwell Tent and in its boutique that will open in June.

The sample sale is by-invitation-only for Globe Platinum members.

Globe Telecom's head for Postpaid Loyalty and Usage, Butch Reyes welcomed guests at the La Copa presentation. Also present were Globe's head for events and sponsorships MJ Mendoza, head for Globe Platinum Coco Domingo and segment business manager Cynthia Mangahas, as well as Samsung's Head for Mobile Phones Bi Sadile, account manager Hana Teo and marketing communications officer Yan Morgan.

The show highlighted contemporary feminine collections that included capes, sheer blouses, and simple dresses with relaxed silhouettes, soft fabrics, and pretty prints.

The palette was warm with deep hues of browns, mustard, turquoise and plum. The featured collection also mixes tunics with a bohemian twist for city wear. Delicate detailing and romantic fabrics and cuts were showcased.

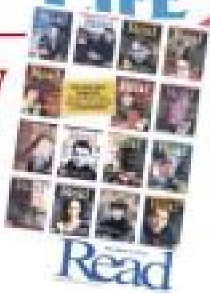
The Rockwell event was spearheaded by Isabel Rivera, Melanie Yu, Barton Tan, and Regina Sandoval, the partners behind La Copa. The show was also participated in by Samsung Mobile, Jobs, Ginger Iguarte, and Mia Urbano.

The La Copa Boutique will be at Penthouse 2, Mercer Corporate Center, 32nd Street, Bonifacio Global City. Call 7783000.



WORK day and evening wear from La Copa

Sunday LIFESTYLE



Sunday Sizzlers

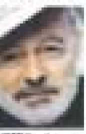
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A good read

Sad hospital story

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A postal affair



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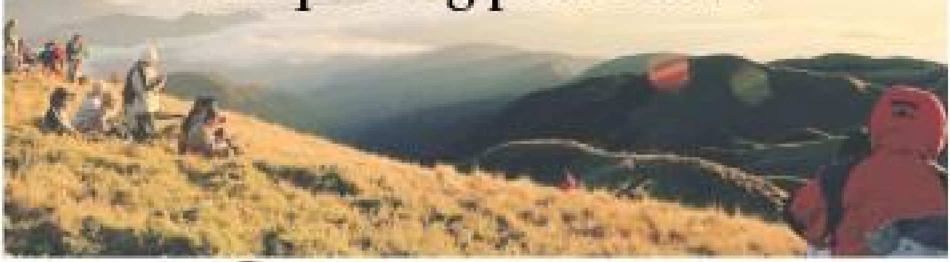

ON TOP of Mt. Pulag: Jay Lopez, Bea Lopez-Beatriz, Oscar Lopez, Cary Lopez and Angela Lopez-Gatogana


LOPEZ Group wellness team: Dr. Jun de Gula, Benjamin Lihom, Manny Ibañez and Jay Lopez


FIRST GEN TEAM: Ricky Tantoco, Ana Zaporas, Gil Calimon, Mike Perez and Giles Puno


FIRST Philippine Mt. Everest team: Leo Oracion, Dr. Ted Esguerra, Art Valdez, Carlos Dayondon, Oscar Lopez, Noelle Wenceslao and Pastor Emata

Conquering peaks at 76



EASTER IS ALWAYS A TIME for rejoicing. For kids, there are Easter egg hunts. For adults, there are so many other pursuits to enjoy.

Take my uncle, Oscar Lopez. At 76, the chair of the Lopez Group is celebrating his recent climb to the top of Mt. Pulag, the second highest mountain in the Philippines. Best of all, he was accompanied by his children on the trek.

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Tessa!
Tessa Prieto-Valdes

> My uncle, Oscar Lopez, is celebrating his recent climb to the top of Mt. Pulag, the second highest mountain in the Philippines

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Reforestation project

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FIRST Philippine Holdings Corp. with First SP Summit team


PHINT Yuchengco, Suky Lacsamana, Mandy Navasero, Gina Lopez, Raquel Delgado and Romy Gacad


FELICE Rarugo, Rosan Cruz and Liana Rarugo

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E-mail the author at [illegible]


URBAN Spa's Irene, Diego and Manny Ibañez


MINA Tantoco and Tita Trillo


ANGELINE Tan and Mona Tantoco


HSBC PR Tessa Cosme and hubby Joey


MT. EVEREST climber Noelle Wenceslao and sisters' friend Mark Yuchengco


BENGWINKS artist BenCab and Annie Santos


MT. EVEREST climber Leo Oracion with expedition team leader Art Valdez


GREAT photographers Jojo Gatogana and Wig Tysmans flank wives Pie and Carol with their kids


LIZANNE Uychaco, Ralph Diaz and Raquel Delgado


EMILY Abrera and son Paulo

Vic Sotto stars in new 555 TUNA commercial

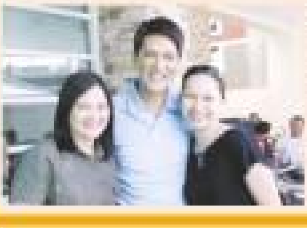
Top box-office magnet and popular noontime show host Vic Sotto weaves his "fantastic magic" anew in the new TV commercial for 555 Tuna. The new TVC is filled with fantasy and funny elements the comedy icon is known for.











Now showing on prime time TV, the new 555 Tuna commercial shows "Bossing" in yet another magical situation: Upon learning that they're out of his favorite tuna variants, Bossing magically stretches his elastic hands, sends its weaving out of the door, through traffic, and finally to the grocery store to buy his favorite 555 Tuna afritada, mechado, adobo and sisig.

The enchanting 555 Tuna TVC features the ever-choosy Vic in a rare product endorsement project. "I don't normally do endorsements because I'm really very choosy with these types of projects. But I accepted this because I'm basically a health buff. I'm conscious of my diet and I know for a fact that tuna is good for the health. It's already part of my regular diet," says "Bossing", who adores all the variants of 555 Tuna, especially the sisig flavor.

According to Apei Evangelista, Marketing Manager for Century Pacific Corp., the company behind 555 Tuna, "We're proud to have Vic as the new endorser for 555 Tuna. Without a doubt, his warm personality and excellent sense of humor make him an ideal image model for 555 Tuna which is known for having the widest selection of Tuna variants at very affordable prices. With Vic's unsurpassed popularity and mass appeal, he is definitely the perfect endorser for the brand."

The brand of choice of mothers who want healthy, tasty meals for their families, 555 Tuna captures the true Pinoy taste with the widest variety of distinctly Filipino flavors such as afritada, mechado, caldereta, adobo, [illegible], sisig, lechon paksiw, bistek tagalog, barbeque, sweet & spicy, bicol express, flakes in oil and hot & spicy.





The commercial was directed by top helmsman Erik Matti. "I was excited to do the commercial. First, I've never worked with Vic before. Second, the board is well very well conceptualized, with very strong recall on brand. The story itself is funny," says Direk Erik.

This was much evident during the day-long commercial shoot, where Vic tirelessly made countless interpretations of each frame until Direk Erik and he himself are satisfied with the take.

With Vic's radiant presence, viewers will truly find the "magical" 555 Tuna commercial enjoyable as they always do in every project of the reigning box office king of Philippine movies.







Sunday Sizzlers

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No kidding, it's okay to bring Junior

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No more plastic bags

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Downloading Beethoven

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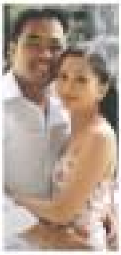
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Milestones



PABENTUAN-ESDRO



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CIPRES-GENORING



AMBOS-TALLA

PURELY PERSONAL
Josephine Darang

New Bangued bishop installed; apologies to 'healing priest'



A TEARY EYED Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian greets Ambassador Tita de Villa.

EASTER CAME EARLY TO THE DIOCESE OF Bangued in Abra province when Most Rev. Leopoldo C. Jaucian was installed as the new bishop on March 31 at St. James the Greater Cathedral in Bangued by Nueva Segovia Archbishop Ernesto Salgado. Before his installation, the apostolic administrator was Msgr. Nilo Peig.

Days before, on March 26, [illegible] Cardinal Rosales officiated in Bishop Pol's episcopal ordination at the Shrine of the Divine Word in Quezon City with the Papal Nuncio Fernando Filoni, 40 bishops and approximately 200 priests attending.

Friends, family and former parishioners of Bishop Pol at St. Jude Parish near Malacañang filled up the chapel where 38 years ago he worked as a sacristan. Teresa Chan of the Eucharistic Adorers League estimated the attendance at 2,200 people. The Eucharistic Adorers acted as ushers.

Cardinal Rosales said in his homily that the people were there to celebrate with the new bishop a momentous event in his life— that of being the new shepherd of the Diocese of Abra that covers 27 parishes. The Cardinal asked the people present to pray for Bishop Pol.

In the afternoon, a long line of people walked to the altar to give Bishop Jaucian their love offerings to help him in his new ministry. I asked [illegible] why there was so much outpouring of love, she replied: "Because they love him. He is such a good and holy man."

President Macapagal-Arroyo was present. She was heard talking to the parents of Bishop Jaucian is both Ilocano and Pangasinense. Mayor [illegible] Perez of [illegible], where the Bishop lived and studied as a young boy, came with his wife Alicia Perez. Philippine Ambassador to [illegible] and former Ambassador Tita de Villa [illegible]. Also there was [illegible] Bishop [illegible], former parish priest of St. William Cathedral in Laoag.

Bishop Jaucian told me afterward that the day was filled with God's overflowing love. It was a glorious solemn occasion, awesome and inspiring, especially when with everybody kneeling and the new bishop laid prostrate at the foot of the altar, the Litany of Saints was sung by the [illegible] Gospel Choir. The choir was composed of former seminarians who are now family men.

A friend told me: "Where the Bishop is, the Church is; where the Church is, Christ is there!" It took Bishop Jaucian 30 years to reach the episcopacy through God's grace. He thanked his mother Veronica for her prayers since he was a small boy. As soon as [illegible] told him that he was the fruit of her prayers.

Ordination in Tuguegarao

Fr. Ricardo Baccay, Rector of the San Jacinto Seminary in Tuguegarao, will be ordained auxiliary bishop of Tuguegarao by Papal Nuncio Fernando Filoni on April 10, 4:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Cathedral.

I first met Father Baccay in November 1993 when Bingo Bunao and I visited St. Dominic [illegible] Parish in Cagayan where he was parish priest. Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan will lead the clergy in the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao in the concelebration.

Blessed Margaret of Castello

Sto. Domingo Church in Quezon City will hold special Masses in honor of Blessed Margaret of Castello on April 13, her feast day. She is patroness of Pro-Life Philippines. Margaret was an unwanted child because she was born a hunchback, blind and terribly deformed. So people would not see her, her parents locked her up in a room without a door. Food and her necessities were given through the window. She was hidden there until she was 16 years old.

When Margaret was 17, her parents heard of a shrine in Città di Castello, Italy, where many sick people were cured. They made a pilgrimage to the shrine, so that she could pray for her healing. When it did not work, the heartless parents abandoned her.

Left to herself, Margaret befriended the beggars, only to become one herself. She joined the Mantellate, the first unmarried women to become a Dominican Tertiary. She devoted herself to tending the sick and the dying as well as prisoners in the city jail. Blessed Margaret helped innumerable others by her life and her good deeds, finding holiness by uniting her sufferings to Christ's.

She died April 13, 1320, at age 33. More than 200 miracles have been credited to her intercession after her death. She was beatified Oct. 19, 1609, thus the daughter that nobody wanted became one of the glories of the Church. The Blessed Margaret Movement is based in Sto. Domingo Church. Every Thursday a novena is held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Mass. You can find the image of Blessed Margaret on the right side when entering the front door.

PLM's 45th year

The Philippine Leprosy Mission (PLM) is celebrating its 45th year of caring and cure on April 10. To commemorate the occasion, a fundraising art exhibit will be held in the afternoon of April 10. A total of about 150 paintings by local artists led by [illegible], among others, will be raffled off.

PLM is a nonstock, nonprofit organization with the vision "transformed and empowered communities working toward a leprosy-free Philippines for God's glory." It provides services to people affected by leprosy through its Community Ministry and Christian Ministry Development projects in the eight missions, local churches and institutions.

PLM-initiated Leprosy Activities (PIAL), on the other hand, supports local governments in the establishment of Skin Health units at the Rural Health Units (RHU's), promotion of skin health awareness in the community and detection and treatment of hidden cases of leprosy.

PLM is at 50-Maningning St., Teachers Village East, Diliman, QC. Call [illegible], fax [illegible]; visit www.leprosy.org.ph, or e-mail plm@leprosy.org.ph.

Apologies to Fr. Corsio

Neri Valdez, Malacañang Religious Affairs Undersecretary, called me up to say that she had apologized to Fr. Corsio Legaspi as to the change of date of his healing Mass for President Macapagal-Arroyo and the Cabinet in the Presidential Mansion in Baguio this Holy Week.

Valdez explained that because of requests from many Cabinet members who would not be able to attend the Baguio retreat, the healing session had to be reset. Eduardo Ermita, the secretary of the Cabinet, later told her the healing mass could be reset April 17 or 24.

She said she immediately sent emissaries to Fr. Legaspi to explain to him the situation, and it was during that time that the priest reportedly got mad. She said she expressed her apologies to the priest.

Valdez said the President had nothing to do with the snafu. She added she was merely relaying the change of plan because of requests by the Cabinet, and she and her emissaries failed to properly communicate with the priest. "It was an honest mistake," she said, "and I apologize for it."

Easter Sunday in New York

Fil-Americans will gather at the Chapel of San Lorenzo Ruiz on [illegible] Street in New York for the "Salubong" and solemn Easter Mass, today 12:30 p.m. Celebrant Fr. [illegible]; [illegible] full Church music. [illegible] is music director. "This is the first [illegible]," [illegible] for the day.

Happy Easter to all!





EMILY'S POST
Emily Marcelo

Demanding mother is a burden to 23-year-old daughter

'My father has worked abroad for so long and is still working despite his illness'

Vitamin C And Zinc — A Winning Combination

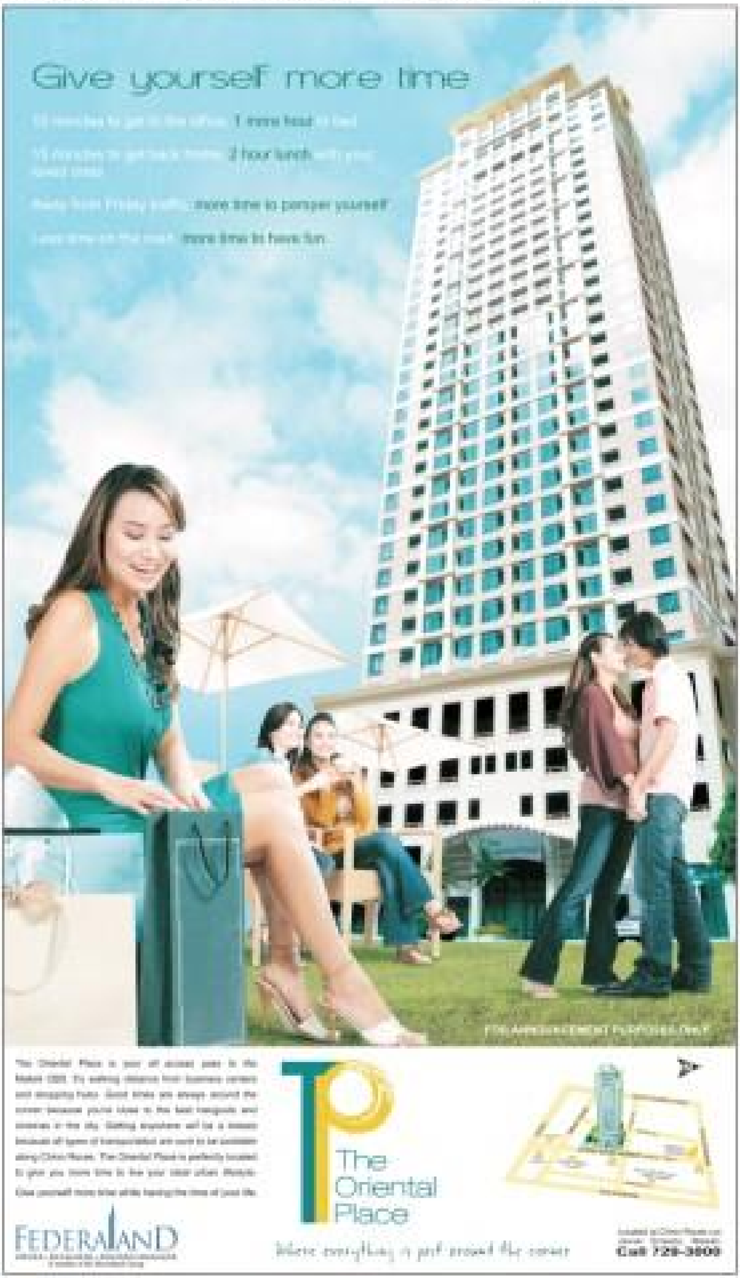
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Cebu Cebu
Jaime Picornell

Cebu's valuable pearls







Entertainment

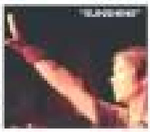
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Opening This Week



Ang Cute ng Ina Mo

Sunshine





The Reaping

Desperately seeking Zeke

Latest PBB evictee says he went 'with guns blazing'









GMA 7 provides an important service

VIEWFINDER
Nestor U. Torre



LAST SUNDAY, MARCH 25, GMA-7 started telecasting "Philippine Agenda," its weekly series of shows on the principal issues that political candidates should address to the satisfaction of the electorate.

This is an important service, so the network should be complimented for providing it. [illegible]

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'American Chopper'

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'Five Star Insider'

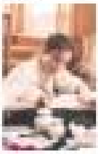
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'Crimes that shook the world'

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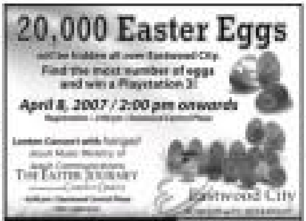
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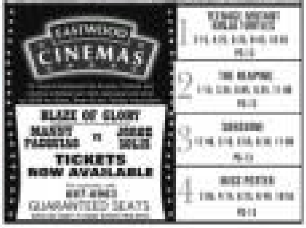
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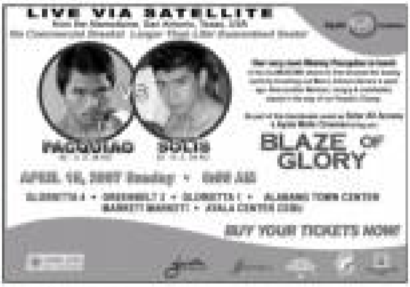


Stomp the Yard



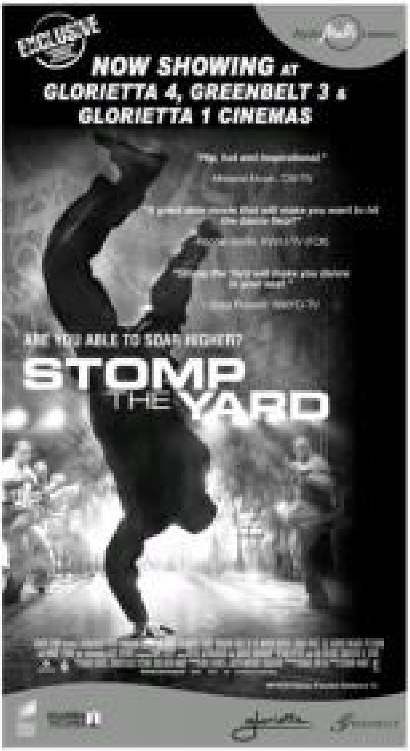






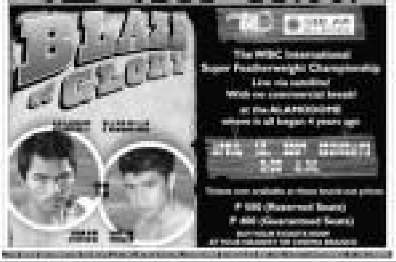






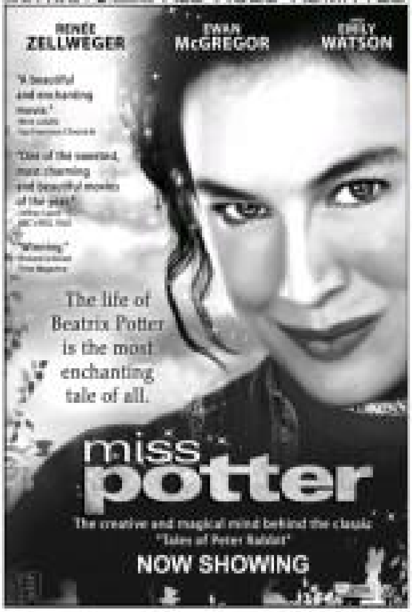






Barney goes to the malls

KID FIT







Seeking Zeke